

Simonstone Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting
held on 14th June 2018.
in the Old School, School Lane, Simonstone
at 7.00 pm

Minutes

Present: Councillors John Barker, Geoff Hodbod and Elisa Hargreaves.

In attendance –RV Coun. Lesley Graves & Parish Clerk Roger Hirst,

Apologies – Cllrs. David Peat and Graham Meloy

18/90 Appointment of a Chairman for the meeting

It was resolved that Cllr Geoff Hodbod should be Chairman for the meeting.

18/91 Minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2018

It was resolved to approve the minutes

Declaration of interests. None

18/92 Public Participation. (open forum on any village matter to last no more than 15 mins. 3mins per speaker). None.

18/93 Decision items;

a) **Nomination** of New Parish Councillors. None

18/94 Matters raised from previous meetings;

a) Coun. Hodbod reported that progress on RSVH had been made and had reached the final stages of the Business plan, prior to an application for funding assistance being made. There had been a fund raising event which had contributed £250 to the RSVH funds.

It was resolved to note the report

b) Civic Sunday. Report of the event. – The Clerk reported that 30 people from both Read and Simonstone Parish Councils, along with their guests, attended St Peters Church followed by a reception at Read Cricket Club. It was the first time that Simonstone Parish Council had hosted the event which was a success.

It was resolved to note the report.

18/95 Cllr Hodbod reported that he had been approached by a residents who had requested that the grass on the playing field on Harwood Avenue be cut. The Clerk reported that he had approached the School and had been told that they had no funds allocated for the work. Ribble valley had been approached and they had carried out the work.

It was resolved that prices should be obtained from contractors for carrying out the work.

18/96 Correspondence

a) A complaint was received from a resident concerning the footpath at “Shady Walks”. There is a stone missing from the step before the kissing gate. He nearly twisted his ankle twice coming out and trying to step onto Trapp Lane”. The complaint was forwarded to the LCC PROW officer and she has acknowledged the complaint and forwarded it to the inspectors.

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It was resolved to note the report

18/97 Information Commissioner’s Office note on Data protection for information had been circulated.

It was resolved that in future all emails to non Council recipients should be sent using the Blind address options.

18/98 LALC

a) **Neighbourhood Planning Workshop.** Details had been circulate.

It was resolved that the Clerk attend the Workshop and that a request be made from members of the Parish Liaison meeting for information on the procedure and the benefits they have gained by developing the Plan.

18/99 RV LALC A response to the branch’s letter querying standard of highway repairs following work carried out by contractors had been circulated .

It was resolved to note the report

18/100LCC

a) **Community transport consultation was competed,** forwarded and acknowledged.

It was resolved to note the report

b) **Highways – Street Lighting Survey had been circulated.**

It was resolved to note the report.

c) **Children and Family Wellbeing Service** is based in the community in order to work more flexibly and details had been circulated.

It was resolved to note the report

18/101 Meeting of Read Parish Council, Councilor Barker to report.

18/102 Planning

3/2018/0436	Officer David Hewitt 01200 414505	Grid Reference
Application for tree works	DATE VALID: 22/05/2018	:
Development Address:	Trees 15 School Lane Simonstone Burnley BB12 7HR	
Development Description	Crown thinning, lifting and reduction to Copper Beech and Silver Birch protected by TPO	
Parish Council comments	Having viewed the 2 trees between 13 and 15 there is no objection to the work as outlined above.	

18/103 Martholme Greenway Coun Barker reported that the opening ceremony of the Greenway between Simonstone Lane and Gooseleach Wood was attended by Nigel Evens MP who traversed it’s whole length and congratulated the Team of volunteers who constructed the path and the students of Blackburn university engineering Department in designing and manufacturing the 2 bridges and installing them on the 7th June 2018.

It was resolved to note the report.

18/104 Spot On. The Clerk reported on “The Haunted Man”. St Peters Church may be the venue for the performance as enquires are proceeding - Friday 19th Oct.

It was resolved to note the report.

18/105 Finance

a) **The Clerk reported** that details of the National Pay Award for Clerks for next Two Year had been received.

It was resolved that the Parish Council agrees to accept the award.

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b) Payment of Accounts.

(i) Read Cricket Club	Civic Sunday Part a	£53.50
(ii) Read Cricket Club	Civic Sunday Part b	£285.00
(iii) I R Hirst	Salary	£512.75
(iv) I R Hirst	Expenses	£112.56
(v) HMRC	Tax	£128.00
(vi) CPRE	Subscription	£36.00
(vii)LALC	Planning workshop	£25.00

18/106 District Council's report

18/107 The next Parish Council meeting is on the 9th August 2018 at 7pm.

Chairman's Signature.....

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